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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN GOVERNMENT

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B. CANBERRA 6200

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1. AS MENTIONED REFTELS, WE PROPOSE TWO CANDIDATES FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH COMMENCES NOVEMBER 9. FIRST IS SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PROPOSED REF (B); THIS CANDIDATE WILL FUND OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, WE TO FUND PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL WHICH CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN INTERNATIONAL ROUND TRIP TICKET. NOMINEE IS MRS. JOAN PILONE, MEMBER SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL AND MEMBER COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

2. OUR SECOND CANDIDATE IS MR. GEORGE O. EDWARDS, TOWN CLERK (CITY MANAGER) OF CITY OF PERTH. AS MENTIONED REF (C), EDWARD'S PROGRAM WILL BE ENTIRELY FUNDED BY CITY OF PERTH, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL COSTS AND COST OF HIS ACCOMODATIONS.

3. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EARLY APPROVAL THESE TWO CANDIDATES.

4. EDWARDS' NOMINATING PAPERS, INCLUDING BIODATA, PRESENT JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, PROGRAM INTERESTS, SENT DEPARTMENT IN CANBERRA A-190, AIRPOUCHED SEPTEMBER 24.

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5. NOMINATING DATA ON MRS. JOAN PILONE FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MRS. JOAN MERCIA PILONE
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 23, 1919, HARROW, MIDDLESEX,
ENGLAND
NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD: 1961; SIX WEEKS IN FRANCE AT INVIT-
ATION OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT TOURIST SERVICE. 1971; TRAVEL
TO U.S.A. AND ENGLAND ON TRAVELODGE OPERATIONS.
VISA ELIGIBILITY: NO PROBLEM FORESEEN
SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS: MEMBER, CITY
COUNCIL OF CITY OF SYDNEY. EXECUTIVE CORPORATE RELATIONS
MANAGER, TRAVELODGE HOTELS, AUSTRALIA, LTD.
PAST POSITIONS: 1959-1965: HOTEL MANAGER, ALDERMAN, NORTH
SYDNEY COUNTY COUNCIL. SINCE 1965: ALDERMAN, COUNCIL,
CITY OF SYDNEY. 1969-1974: CHAIRMAN, CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY
SERVICES COMMITTEE. AT PRESENT SERVES ON COUNCIL'S CITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION: CONGEN SYDNEY DISCUSSED THIS
URBAN GOVERNMENT PROJECT WITH LORD MAYOR AND SYDNEY COUNCIL.
THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND SUGGESTED PILONE
AS BEST CANDIDATE FROM COUNCIL. CONGEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY
CONCURS IN THIS. MRS. PILONE IS VERY ACTIVE PERSON, OUTGOING
AND WITH CONSIDERABLE EXECUTIVE ABILITY AS ATTESTED BY
HER POSITION WITH TRAVELODGE AND WITH HER SUCCESS IN
MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

IN HER 1969-74 CHAIRMANSHIP OF SYDNEY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE
COMMITTEE, SHE INVOLVED WITH MATTERS OF RECREATION, PARKS,
LIBRARIES, SENIOR CITIZEN'S WELFARE PROGRAMS, CHILD CARE.
SHE HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS,
CONSUMER PROTECTION. SHE IS MEMBER OF NW SOUTH WALES
COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION. IS ALSO
MEMBER OF AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD CREATED TO
FURTHER OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S YEAR.
MRS. PILONE IS A GENUINE LOCAL CIVIC AND POLITICAL LEADER
IN SYDNEY, PROBABLY THE BEST KNOWN AND PUBLICIZED MEMBER
OF THE COUNCIL, THE LORD MAYOR EXCEPTED. AS RESPONSIBLE
ACTIVIST IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, INCLUDING WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
AND GETTING PRESELECTED AND THEN ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL
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IN A PREDOMINANTLY MALE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT WAS NO
EASY TASK.

SHOULD IT BE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST TO DO SO, WE THINK
MRS. PILONE WOULD MAKE IDEAL SPOKESMAN ON U.S.
TELEVISION TALK SHOWS OR WITH COMMUNITY AUDIENCES, ON
SUBJECT OF ROLE OF WOMEN IN AUSTRALIAN LIFE AND POLITICS.

6. IF FURTHER INFORMATION ON EITHER CANDIDATE IS NEEDED,
PLEASE ADVISE. WE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE SENDING SUGGESTIONS
ON INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL FOR MRS. PILONE DURING NOVEMBER 27-30
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